

THE
DECLARATION
AND
RESOLUTION
OF
The States of Holland, touching the Parliament and Com-
mon-wealth of
ENGLAND.

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Their calling of a General Council at the Hague, and their
PROCLAMATION and **PROCEEDINGS**
concerning the last Great Sea-Fight upon the
DOWNS.

TOGETHER,

With a perfect Narrative thereof, sent to the Parliament,
and one hundred sail of Men of War to be forth-
with sent out for the preservation of the
STATES.



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The occasion and manner of the late fight in the Downs,
betwixt the Fleet of the Common-wealth of England
under the command of Generall Blague; and that
of the States of the united Provinces under the
command of Admiral Trump, May, 1652. according to an accompt gi-
ven by divers who were eye-wit-
nesses of the action.



Before we proceed to the main, it will be ne-
cessary to give you (as a preparative there-
unto) a short view of the behaviour of
certain Dutch ships towards Capt. Young,
Capt. of the President Frigot.

As Captain Young was conaming to
the Westward, to take the command of the West-guard,

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the 12 instant, he discried a Fleet of about 12 sail comming from the Southward; and making sail off to them, he found them to be a Fleet of Hollanders come from Genoa and Legorn. Three with Flags were states men of war for convoy, the rest Merchants ships. Hereupon Captain Young sent his Master to the Admirall to let them know that amity was as yet continued between the two States, and therefore that he summoned him to strike.

Upon this, the Admirall took in his Flagg, and put abroad a Pendant, saying he belonged to Amsterdam. But then the Vice-Admirall came up with his Flagg abroad, being a ship of 42 guns who would by no means be perfwaded to strike, though called on over and over. Then Captain Young fitting himself gave him a broad side, and received another from him, which made the rest to ingage, but after the exchange of four or five broad sides, Captain Reynolds and Captain Chapman comming in, the Rear and Vice-Admirall also were at length forced to strike; which being done they were civilly used in regard of the treaty on foot betwixt both nations.

The Vice-Admirall was much sharred, and it seems nothing but pure necessity made him strike, for, he sent Capt. Young word that his ship was ready to sink having four foot water in the hold; and that he had order from the States, that if he struck he should loose his head for it.

Now that which in the next place is most remarkable is the behaviour of the Dutch the day before this last fight; which seemed very fair.

For, Upon the 18 instant, Van Trimp with a Fleet of 42 sail on the back side of Goodwins sands, was discovered by Major Bourn who command the Andrew, and

and by the rest of our ships riding in the Downs. They bearing towards the Road, Major Bourn commanded the Greyhound to make sail and to stand out and speak with them, who when she came near struck their Top-sails, demeaning themselves civilly, and laying, they came from Admiral Trump with a message to the commander in chief in the Downs. Hereupon they stood out in the Road with our Squadron, and comming aboard, they in the name of their General very plausibly saluted our ships with this account, in order (they said) unto the factis faction of this nation; how that the Northerly winds having blown hard for divers days, they were put further to the Southward then they intended; they having rode for some days off Dunkirk, where they had lost severall of their Anchors and cables; adding that they had no intention of injury to the English nation.

Yet even at that time, our ships were jealous they had some design in their so near approach, because an exprefſion dropped from one of their Captains in discourse, which did import that they were unwilling to strike their flagg. And however disguised, their comming thus could be no leſſe then a Bravado, ſince it was then in their choice whether they would have came ſo near our Fleet or no; Gen. Blague was at that time also Westward with the greatest part of the Fleet, to whom Major Bourn immeadiately ſent an exprefſe of all that paſſed, and ordered the Assurance and the Grey hound to lie near their Fleet that night, to obſerve their motion.

Generall Blague being in Rye Bay, did there receive the exprefſe with an account of all from Major Bourn; whereupon he made all poſſible ſpeed to ply up towards them, and on VVenesday the nineteenth instant in the

morning, he saw them at Anchor in land near Dover road.

Being come within three Leagues of them, they weighed, and stood away by a wind to the East-ward, our Fleet supposing their intention was to leave us to avoid the dispute of the Flag. About two hours after they altered their course; For, a Captain of their own, now our prisoner, confesseth, that as they rode off towards the French coast, a ship of the States of Holland came towards them, and made a waft with his Flag to Vantrump, who bore up to that ship, and a boat went from that aboard Vantrump. Whereupon he immediately made all the sail he could, hastening with his Fleet towards ours, and bore up directly with our Fleet, himself being headmost of his own.

Being come near, within Musquet-shot, Gen. Blague shot a Gun, but without a Ball, at his Flag; which he did also twice more, Vantrump answering him with a Gun on the avére side of his ship, which signified a high disdain or scorn (according to the Sea-custome) and then immediately, instead of striking (according to the ancient Usage) hee hung out a red Flag, which his Officers that wee have taken, confess was the Signall, and gave our General a Broad-side, and so the fight began about four of the Clock in the Evening, farre otherwise then what hath beene reported by Trump himselfe, and others.

Then Major Bourn coming in to the engagement with eight ships more, the fight was continued for above four hours till night parted them.

The next morning the Dutch Fleet was espied about four leagues distance from ours towards the Coast of France. What harme wee have done them is not fully knowne

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knowne, but one of them was supposed to bee sunke, and
another of thirty Guns we have taken, with the Captains
of both, the Maine-mast of the first beeing shot by the
Board, and much water in the Hold, which made one
of our Capraine to give her over as in a sinking condi-
tion. We have six men of our Admirals slain, and nine
or ten desperately wounded, and five and twenty more
not without danger, among them the Master and one of
his Mates.

The Admiral received above seventy great shot in the
Hull and Masts; but in the Sails and Rigging without
number, having ingaged some time alone with the whole
body of the Dutch Fleet; and though he were the princi-
pal man that they aimed at, yet he came off with honour.

One thing may ~~not~~ be omitted, that upon news of this
fight, divers sea men of Dover, Deal, and Sandwich, to
the number of three hundred voluntarily boated them-
selves to our Fleet, and though engaged in the Generalls
ship, in the heat of the fight, came off without the losse
of one man.

Since this, we understand that Generall Blague plies
to and again with his Fleet, being well reinforced, and that
Trump with his Fleet is returned home. We have pri-
soners of the Dutch two Captains, two Lieutenants, and
about a hundred and fifty others.

One thing more is to be added to our fore-going rela-
tion, which is very observable; how that as Trump came
on towards our Admirall, he commanded up two of his
men, who kept still at the top of his Main Mast, as if they
ment to take down the flagg; a pretty mysterious pas-
sage to amuse us touching their intention. We shall make
no inference upon the whole matter, but leave the world
to judge.

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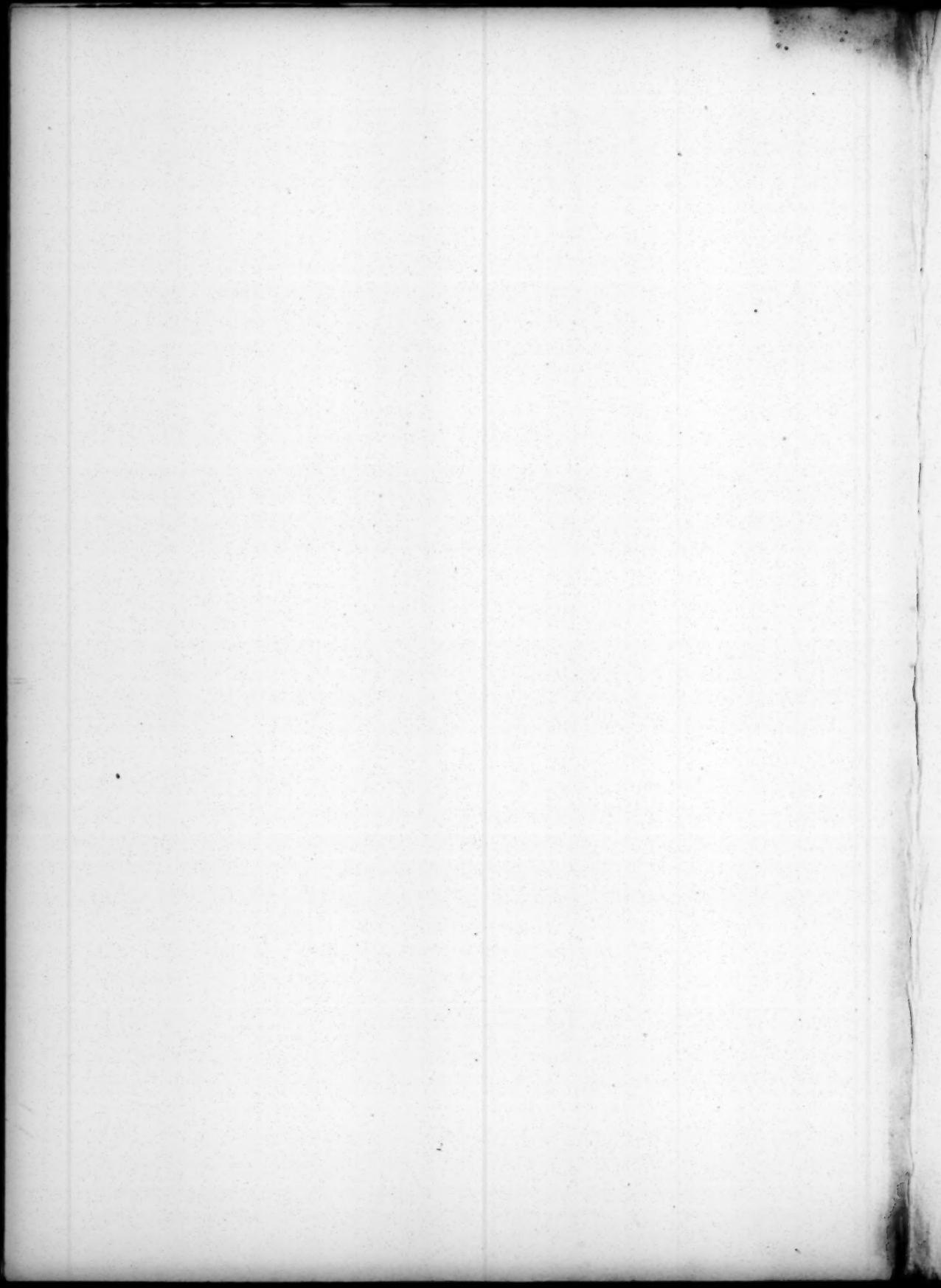
Since this great blow given by the English, the States of Holland have called a General Council; whose results tended to peace and unity with the Common-wealth of England, and declared their Resolutions for a Union. Yet notwithstanding, many of them seemed to own what Van Trump had done in the precedent action, and to that end, Declared, That an A&t, or Edict, should be forthwith published in reference thereto. But the States General are clear of a contrary opinion, and seem to be exceedingly exasperated against all those that shall be instrumental, aiding, contriving, or assisting, in making a breach with England.

There is an additional Fleet of 100 sail setting forth, their Design pretended, for the safety and preservation of the United Provinces: Nevertheless, many of the Dutchmen rage exceedingly, and swear to be revenged of the English. Their great Threats are little to be feared; and as they liked their last Supper, so let them prepare for a Break-fast.

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